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PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE Washburn University



**Keynote Speaker
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Nancy McKelvey was named Chief Nurse of the American Red Cross in July, 1997. In this position, she is responsible for promoting and supporting nurse involvement in all Red Cross activities at the local and national levels. She also represents the Red Cross to external nursing and healthcare organizations. Currently, Nancy is working with the Red Cross National Nursing Committee; State Nurse Liaisons; and other nursing leaders to revitalize Red Cross nursing and strengthen the impact of nurses on the health of our communities.

Prior to this assignment, Ms. McKelvey worked in varied capacities including Wellness and Human Resources management positions. She served as an International Technical Delegate for the Red Cross-American Hospital Association Turkmenistan Project and headed the Red Cross interdisciplinary International Medical Advisory Group. She is a current member and past Chair of the Federal Nursing Services Council which consists of the Chief Nurse Officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Public Health Service and Department of Veterans Affairs. Nancy serves on the National Advisory Board of the *Nursing Spectrum* and is representing the American Red Cross on several national coalitions including the *International Coalition of Nurses for Mass*

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Casualty Education (ICNMCE) and the Nurses for a Healthier Tomorrow and the America in Grief initiatives.

Before coming to the Red Cross, Ms. McKelvey was a member of the Georgetown University School of Nursing faculty and held management positions in several healthcare organizations including the National Health Screening Council and ASPO/Lamaze as well as working in several hospital and community health settings.

Ms. McKelvey graduated from the Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing, the University of Pennsylvania and the Catholic University of America. Her professional memberships include Sigma Theta Tau, and the American Nurses Association. She has published in professional journals and nursing textbooks and participated in the development of several commercially available films. She was featured

in the 3rd Quarter, 2002 edition of Sigma Theta Tau International's *Reflections on Leadership* journal.

"Promoting Global Health: Visions and Strategies" will be July 10-13 at Washburn University, Topeka. The international health conference will provide a forum to share strategies and innovations in public health through keynote speakers, concurrent sessions, symposia and poster presentations. The Washburn University School of Nursing, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and six other northeastern Kansas healthcare organizations host the conference.

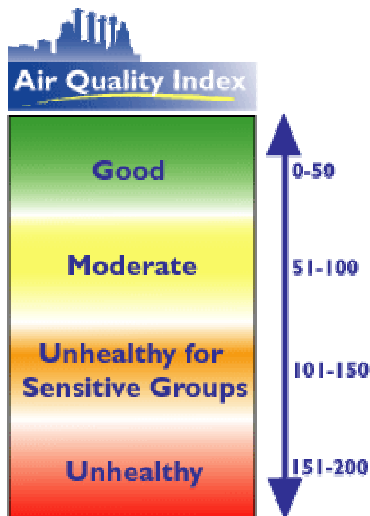


For more information please contact Dr. Ellen Carson, Associate Dean, School of Nursing, Washburn University, at 785-231-1010, extension 1212, ellen.carson@washburn.edu or see our Web site: <http://www.washburn.edu/nursing-conference>.

HEALTH EFFECTS OF GROUND-LEVEL OZONE

by Yan Wang

Bureau of Air and Radiation



Ozone (O₃) is a gaseous compound with its molecule composed of three oxygen atoms.

Ground-level ozone is formed when pollutants like volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emitted by cars, power plants, chemical plants, and other sources

react chemically in the presence of sunlight and heat. Unlike the good ozone up in the Stratosphere that shields us from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays, ground-level ozone is harmful to human health and is a real concern during the summer months when weather conditions such as lots of sunlight and hot temperatures normally occur.

Breathing ozone can trigger a variety of health problems. Ozone can irritate the respiratory system, causing coughing, throat irritation, an uncomfortable sensation in the chest, and/or pain when breathing deeply. Ozone can worsen asthma and possibly other respiratory diseases, such as bronchitis and emphysema. When ozone levels are high, more people with asthma have attacks that

require a doctor's attention or the use of additional medication. Ozone can reduce lung function and make it more difficult to breathe deeply, and breathing may become more rapid and shallow than normal, thereby limiting a person's normal activity. In addition, breathing ozone can inflame and damage the lining of the lungs, which may lead to permanent changes in lung tissue, irreversible reductions in lung function, and a lower quality of life if the inflammation occurs repeatedly over a long time period. Children, people with asthma and other respiratory diseases, and active adults are particularly sensitive to ozone.

Two of the most important factors for health effects are the concentration of ozone and duration of exposure. People who are sensitive to ozone should check their local weather and air quality forecasts during the summer season and try to stay indoors and avoid physical activities when the air quality forecasts predict high ozone days. More information on ozone, current ozone levels, and air quality forecasts can be found at the following web sites.

National and Local Levels and Forecasts	http://www.epa.gov/airnow
State of Kansas Hourly Ozone Levels	http://kic.kdhe.state.ks.us/esc/Ozone.htm
Kansas City Metropolitan Area Air Quality Index	http://www.marc2.org/airquality/skycast.asp
Wichita Air Quality Index	http://www.wichitagov.org/airquality/

Reference:

<http://www.epa.gov/airnow>

<http://www.airinnow.org/html/health.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/ozonedesignations/>

RESEARCH REPORTS ON KEY PREVENTION TOPICS

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) has launched a new online database providing access to Federally sponsored audience research reports on key prevention topics. The Prevention Communication Research Database (PCRD) at

<http://www.health.gov/communication> is the first searchable collection of audience research conducted or sponsored by HHS agencies. ODPHP developed the database to highlight research findings that may not be widely known or published in peer-reviewed journals. HHS intends for the PCRD to serve as a robust tool to assist those involved in communication research, planning, and implemen-

tation to improve their understanding of intended audiences, shape audience research design and/or proposals, and maximize resources by decreasing the need to conduct similar research studies.

Some topics include:

[Arthritis](#)

Asthma (currently no reports)

[Cancer](#)

[Diabetes](#)

[Healthy eating and nutrition](#)

[Heart disease and stroke](#)

[Obesity](#)

[Physical activity](#)

[Preventive measures - Screenings and immunizations](#)

[Substance abuse](#)

[Tobacco use](#)

[Youth risk taking behavior - Tobacco use](#)

[Youth risk taking behavior - Unhealthy dietary habits](#)

[Youth risk taking behavior - Inadequate physical activity](#)

[Youth risk taking behavior - Alcohol and other drug use](#)

ONE DAY WORKSHOPS FOR PHCLINIC

by Pete Kitch



We continue to look for better and more creative ways to train PHClinic users. One of the approaches we have implemented is a series of one-day workshops. The current workshop offerings include System Administrator, Advanced

System Administrator, Billing, and New User. Workshops on other topics will be developed based on user input and need. These workshops are offered every other month on consecutive days so that a user can attend more than one at a time on a single trip. Currently all of them are being held in Wichita at a cost of \$50 per person per workshop.

So far, virtually all of the workshops have been full, with excellent evaluations. Comments have included "Thank you, I learned a lot today. Answered a lot of questions for me"; "This type of meeting gives all of us a chance to share with each other while learning new things"; and "I appreciate the time given to answer our specific questions. Thank you". More importantly, 79 percent of the participants indicated on their evaluation sheets they "strongly agreed" with the question as to whether they would recommend the workshop to others, while an additional 17 percent "agreed" with the statement. We continue to refine the content of

each workshop based on feedback from the participants.

We also recently expanded our training options through creation of an online training session. This online training tool, called a webinar, allows counties to connect via the Internet to view a PowerPoint demonstration as well as participate in a parallel phone conference session. Thirty-five individuals attended our first webinar which focused on the Monthly Immunization Report, sponsored by KALHD and the Kansas Health Foundation. The response to the webinar was very positive and we believe this will be a great tool for delivering on demand training. In addition, we were able to record the webinar and it is being made available on the KALHD Web site for viewing at your convenience. The recording includes both the voice and the PowerPoint presentation.

We intend to continue to improve our training options. Your feedback on the content and ideas for new training options are most welcome!

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS 2004 Schedule

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department from 10a.m. – 3p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

July 28

September 22

November - Date to be announced

North Central Region: Meetings are held from 9a.m.-3p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates and locations are:

August 24 Belleville

October 26 Lincoln

December 7 Abilene

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10am-3pm. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 or Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

September 9

December 9

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10a.m.-3p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

August 12

October 14

December 9

Southeast Region: Meetings are held from 10a.m.-3p.m. at the Holiday Park Motel, 3030 S. Santa Fe, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at

620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

August 5

November 4

Southwest Region: Meetings are held from 9a.m.-3p.m. in Garden City. Location to be announced. Dates are:

July 16

September 17

November 19

PERSONNEL UPDATES



Sally Finney, Executive Director of Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) - has resigned her position. Sally has accepted the position as President and CEO of Sunflower House, effective July 1. Sunflower House, a child abuse prevention center and child

advocacy center, is a nonprofit, United Way agency serving Wyandotte and Johnson Counties in Kansas. Ms. Finney came to KPHA in 1997 and basically transformed the organization. She solicited and received grants, provided oversight for new nonprofit organizations, and established KPHA as a real force in championing health legislation. Finney's efforts on behalf of children have included increased funding for early childhood immunizations; expanded health coverage for uninsured children; and the enactment of legislation to create a state-level program aimed at preventing lead poisoning.

GROWING STRONGER:

"You don't stop exercising because you grow old. You grow old because you stop exercising."

- Anonymous

NEWS BRIEFS

2004 Kids Count

Annie E Casey Foundation Data Book



The Annie E. Casey Foundation recently released the 2004 KIDS COUNT Data Book which provides statistics on the status of children in the United States on a national and state-by-state level. Indicators include low birth-weight, infant mortality, child death rate, and children in poverty.

Findings indicate widespread improvements in states with national trends illustrating improvements in eight out of ten indicators of child well-being. Specific findings include:

- ♦ U.S. infant mortality rate declined from 7.3 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1996 to 6.8 deaths in 2001, an improvement that was reflected in the majority of states;
- ♦ Between 1996 and 2001, the child death rate decreased in 45 states and the District of Columbia; and
- ♦ The rate of teen deaths by accident, homicide, and suicide decreased by 17 percent between 1996 and 2001 in 43 states and the District of Columbia.

The KIDS COUNT Pocket Guide is also available and provides summary statistics on state-by-state data in easy-to-read charts and tables. For more information, go to

<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/databook/>



The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) has a limited number of copies of the KIDS Count materials available. To request a copy, send an email to msinghal@astho.org

5 A DAY

Eat 5 to 9 Fruits and Vegetables for Better Health

Despite the current popularity of multiple diet trends, CDC continues to recommend diets that include plenty of different fruits and vegetables. Diets rich in fruits and vegetables may reduce the risk of cancer and



other chronic diseases. Fruits and vegetables provide essential vitamins and minerals, fiber, and other substances that are important for good health. Most fruits and vegetables are naturally low in fat and calories and are filling. **5 A Day for Better Health** is a national program and partnership that seeks to increase the number of daily servings of fruits and vegetables Americans eat to five or more. The **5 A Day program** provides easy ways to add more fruits and vegetables into your daily eating patterns. For more information go to <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/5aday/index.htm>.



KS-Train Learning Management System

The KS-TRAIN site at <http://ks.train.org> is now open to the public for registration. A training CD is available for each local health department to aid in registration. Many participants gained access to these CD's at the 1st Annual Public Health Nursing Conference. The remaining county health departments will receive their copy in the Bioterrorism Tool-Kit that will soon be mailed to each local health department. Written instructions will be sent in this month's monthly mailing.

Please take time to register today. For further information, contact the KS-TRAIN Administrator, Linda Frazier, Public Health Workforce Development Coordinator, at 785-296-3641, or e-mail: lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us.

Dog Bite Prevention

Man and woman's best friend bites more than 4.7 million people a year, and key experts believe that public education can help prevent these bites. Each year, 800,000 Americans seek medical attention for dog bites; half of these are children. Of those injured, 386,000 require treatment in an emergency department and about a dozen die. The rate of dog bite-related injuries is highest for children ages five to nine years, and the rate decreases as children age. Almost two thirds of injuries among children ages four years and younger are to the head or neck region. Injury rates in children are significantly higher for boys than for girls. CDC is committed to reducing this public health problem by working with state health departments to establish dog bite prevention programs and by tracking and reporting trends on U.S. dog bite injuries. Dog bites are a largely preventable public health problem, and adults and children can learn to reduce their chances of being bitten.



Preventing Dog Bites - Teach children basic safety around dogs and review regularly:

- Do not approach an unfamiliar dog.
- Do not run from a dog and scream.
- Remain motionless (e.g., "be still like a tree") when approached by an unfamiliar dog.

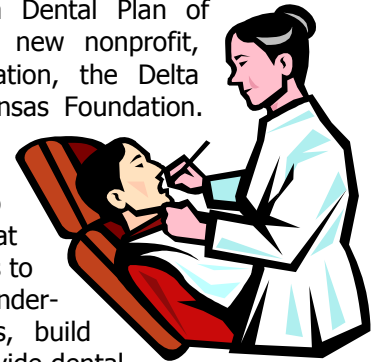
- If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still (e.g., "be still like a log").
- Do not play with a dog unless supervised by an adult.
- Immediately report stray dogs or dogs displaying unusual behavior to an adult.
- Avoid direct eye contact with a dog
- Do not disturb a dog who is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies.
- Do not pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first.
- If bitten, immediately, report the bite to an adult.

For more information go to

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/biteprevention.htm>.

Delta Dental Plan of Kansas Foundation

In 2003, Delta Dental Plan of Kansas created a new nonprofit, charitable organization, the Delta Dental Plan of Kansas Foundation. Goals of the foundation are to provide grants to fund projects that will increase access to dental care for underserved populations, build the capacity to provide dental care, increase public awareness of oral health, and work to promote the prevention of oral disease.



Priority will be given to proposals that emphasize prevention; improve access to dental services; have measurable improvement goals; show strong community support for the project. Grants will be limited to projects related to the advancement of oral health.

Eligibility: an organization must meet one of the following:

- Public charity with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Public or governmental entity such as a school or health district
- Tribal organization with 7871 tax-exempt status

For more information on this new grant-making program go to the Web site:

<http://www.deltadentalksfoundation.org/GGuid.htm>

Protect Your Family from Lyme Disease

The bacterium that causes Lyme disease, called *Borrelia burgdorferi*, is usually spread through the bite of infected immature ticks. These ticks are really tiny, very difficult to see, and they are out in the spring



and summer months hungrily looking for animals or people to bite. A certain type of tick, called Ixodes, carries the Lyme disease bacterium. These ticks are usually found in moist wooded areas, and crawl on to people when we brush against leaf litter, the tips of grasses and shrubs. These ticks also feed on animals such as deer, mice, squirrels, rabbits and birds, which all play a role in the ongoing cycle of Lyme disease transmission.

Springtime means that we're all spending more time outdoors and because spring is when ticks are most actively feeding, it's an important time to think about Lyme disease. Fortunately you can take some simple steps to protect yourself and your family.

1. Avoid tick-infested areas!
2. Use insect repellent with DEET or permethrin and protective clothing.
3. Perform daily tick checks!
 - Always check for ticks after being outdoors, even in your own yard.
 - Remove attached ticks with tweezers.
4. Tick-proof your yard!
 - Mow the lawn, clear brush and leaf litter, keep the ground under bird feeders clean, and stack
 - woodpiles neatly in dry areas.
 - Keep playground equipment away from yard edges and trees.

For more information about Lyme disease go to <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme/spotlight>

Summertime Noise

by Kim Sykes, MA, CCC-A

Audiologist/Coordinator sound Beginnings



Summertime will be here soon and with it comes increased noise exposure. Check out ways to protect your hearing this summer

<http://www.asha.org/about/news/tipsheets/Protect-Your-Hearing.htm>. Custom noise plugs for recreational activities, noise protection and musicians are available from your Audiologist or hearing healthcare provider. Swimmers earplugs and earbands are popular during the summer too. Ear plugs come in a wide variety of fun colors and materials. Contact your local Audiologist or hearing healthcare provider for custom ear plugs, protection and fitting.

Kansas Public Health Association

Executive Director Position Kansas Public Health Association

The Executive Director is a full-time, salaried position. The Executive Director is responsible to the Board of Directors for the overall management of the Kansas Public Health Association and for the general administration of the Association. The Executive Director is responsible for implementing the organizational mission, goals, and objectives as approved by the Board of Directors. This is in part achieved through supporting the work of volunteers and overseeing two part-time staff persons.

Bachelor or Master degree in health administration, public health, public or business management, or related field is required. Minimum of three years' experience working in any of the following areas: non-profit organizational management, public health, public administration, social work, or business management.

Required Skills:

- Be committed to improving a) the health of all Kansans and b) the capacity of the public health workforce to contribute to the health of Kansans
- Have excellent administrative-organizational skills with experience in managing budgets and the ability to meet deadlines with minimal supervision
- Be computer literate with experience with Microsoft Office programs including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access. Familiarity with QuickBooks or other budgeting and time management software is required. Ability to use the Internet and communicate via email is essential
- Possess leadership experience and the ability to take the initiative and prioritize
- Have excellent verbal, written, and electronic (email) communication skills
- Ability to organize project tasks, support volunteer work, and supervise/mentor the work of others
- Understand the legislative process and have experience collaborating on advocacy and lobbying
- Have grant writing experience

How to apply: Send resume, cover letter, salary requirements, and contact information for references to: Phil Griffin, KPHA President-elect, pgriffin@kdhe.state.ks.us. Address: Attn: Phil Griffin, KPHA, 215 S.E. 8th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66603; fax: (785) 291-3732; phone: (785) 296-8893.

CONFERENCES

NACCHO Annual 2004 Conference and Exhibition



National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), Annual 2004 Conference and Exhibition will be July 14-16 in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel St.

Paul. The theme this year "Sharing Our Potential: Competencies, Capacities, and Core Functions in Local Public Health" will identify and address the professional competencies and capacities required to successfully and energetically take local public health in the 21st Century. Innovative and effective local public health core activities, as well as new trends and advances in local public health, will be showcased. For more information please visit

<http://www.naccho.org/files/documents/PreProg.pdf>

2004 Kansas Environment Conference

Make plans now to attend the 2004 Kansas Environment Conference to be held August 31 - September 2 at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park, KS. We are adding something new to the conference this year. On August 31, a Basic Environmental Regulatory Training session will be offered in the evening at no additional charge to conference participants. This is your chance to learn the basic about environmental regulations, including hazardous waste, water, wastewater, air, storage tanks and more! The agenda for the conference is currently being developed and will be posted on the conference Web site,

http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/sbcs/environment_conf.html in late spring/early summer.

Kansas Public Health Association

Mark your calendar for the KPHA Conference, "Leading the Way to a Healthier Kansas" on September 27-29, in Topeka, KS. Registration materials will be posted on this Web site in July http://www.kpha.bluestep.net/shared/layouts/singlbblock.jsp?event=view&id=120130_c_sU128181_s_i167506.



TRAININGS

Medical Interpreter and Cultural Competency Training Schedule 2004-05



Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Office of Local and Rural Health (OLRH), is proud to announce its fourth year of sponsoring medical interpreter training and its second year for

cultural competency training. KDHE, OLRH, will sponsor six medical interpreter and six cultural competency training sessions this coming year. KDHE has contracted with Jewish Vocational Service of Kansas City, MO to present each training session. The training sessions are listed below:



Medical Interpreter Training Schedule

Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

Central Kansas

Newman Regional Health
1201 West 12th, Emporia
Continuing Education Classroom, 2nd Floor
Enter from the Visitors Entrance
September 9-10 and 15-17 from 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Northwest Kansas

Colby Community College
1255 S Range Ave, Colby
Student Union, Room 107 (SE corner of the building)

** (No food or drink can be brought in from the outside. All food or drink consumed in the classroom must be purchased from the Student Union.)
October 4-8 from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

Northeast Kansas

Lawrence Memorial Hospital
325 Maine, Lawrence
Room "D" Nov. 4-5 - Room "A" Nov. 10-12
November 4-5, 10-12 from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

North Central Kansas

Mercy Regional Health Center
1823 College Ave, Manhattan
February 10-11 & February 16-18, 2005, from
8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Southwest Kansas

1710 Palace Drive, Garden City
Area SRS Building
April 18 - 22, 2005 from 8:00a.m.- 5:00p.m.

South Central Kansas

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Wichita
Sunflower Room 2202
June 6-10 from 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m.

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at bmiller@jvskc.org.

Cultural Competency Training Schedule

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.



Topeka - October 14-15 from 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
Kaw Area Tech School - Room C-D
5724 SW Huntoon Street, Topeka

Pittsburg - January 25 -26, 2005 from 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
Pittsburg Municipal Auditorium
503 N. Pine, Pittsburg

Wichita - February 22-23 from 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m.
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Sunflower Room, Wichita

Hays - March 21-22 from 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Fort Hays State University

600 Park Street, Fort Hays
Memorial Union, College Drive, Trails Room
** (No food or drink can be brought in from the outside. All food or drink consumed in the classroom must be purchased from the Student Union vendor.)

Salina - March 23-24 from 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
Catholic Charities
425 W. Iron, Salina
Board Room

Dodge City - April 14-15 from 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Western Plains Medical Complex
108 Ross Blvd., Dodge City
Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at bmiller@jvskc.org.

Colorado Health Sciences School of Nursing

Online courses for practicing PHNs begin on August 23rd, 2004. The courses are offered through the University of Colorado Health Sciences School of Nursing. These courses were developed through a HRSA sponsored grant entitled Improving PHN Practice through Web-based Education. Evaluations from PHNs who have completed one or both of these courses have rated the courses at an outstanding level. The goal of the courses is to provide easy access to skills training in all nationally approved competencies for public health professionals as well as the competencies in emergency preparedness. Academic credit and a certificate from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Nursing is issued to public health nurses who successfully complete both online courses entitled PHN1: Understand & Managing Population-Focused Information and PHN2: Designing & Evaluating Population-Focused Interventions. The courses may be taken in any order or PHNs

may choose to enroll in only one of the two courses to seek particular content. If you think you might be interested in learning more about this educational project for PHNs, you can view the web site for the project at <http://www.phnconnect.com>. At this site you will find links to the syllabi for both courses as well as links to example units within the courses, tuition, registration form and textbook list.



The Kansas Chautauqua Informatics Project

A partnership between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita (KUSM-W) Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD), Heartland Centers and St. Louis University has enabled the development of ongoing basic computer skills assessment and training for all local health department personnel in Kansas. This training effort, known as the Kansas Chautauqua Informatics Project (Chautauqua), aims to assist public health workers advance their computer skills for the enhancement of overall health in Kansas. Implementation of this project simultaneously educates and increases preparedness levels at the local level. An educated and prepared local public health workforce will serve as a catalyst for improving the overall health of Kansas.



Heartland Centers
for Public Health Workforce Development

Chautauqua utilizes Kenexa ProveIt online skills assessments and provides on-site training in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. This training is designed to meet the specific needs of health department employees and is tailored according to the assessed ProveIt skill level. Evaluations and post skills assessments are administered to evaluate the effectiveness of the training sessions.

Currently, Lyon, Sedgwick, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Phillips, Thomas, Graham and Rooks counties are participating in the pilot phase of the Chautauqua project.



As of May 7 all pilot counties have completed skills assessments and nine of the ten counties have encountered basic computer training in Microsoft

Word, Outlook and Excel. It is hoped that after participating in the Chautauqua Project, health department personnel will have significantly increased their basic informatics competency levels. This increase in technological skills will hopefully enable public health workers to perform their jobs more effectively and give them confidence in their abilities to continue to utilize technology at their work site.

Training sessions and project outcomes for the pilot counties are planned to be complete in July 2004. The Chautauqua project assessments and training sessions will then be offered to all local health departments in the state of Kansas. For more information on the Kansas Chautauqua Informatics Project contact project manager, Julie Oler-Manske, at (316) 293-2626.

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education of interest to Public Health Workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at:

<http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm>.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>

Public Health Training

Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



See PHTN Web site at www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn to view a complete list of satellite downlinks and webcasts. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need assistance.

July 2004

07/14/04 2:00p.m.- 5:00p.m.	Bugs and Drugs (Public Health Staff Development) For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
07/15/04 8:00- 9:00a.m.	Third Thursday Breakfast Broadcasts (T2B2) presents: Diabetes in Children For more information, call 518-402-0330 or visit http://www.albany.edu/sph/coned/t2b2 .

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The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

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